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In re Application of

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
IMPROVING CHANNEL  
MONITORING IN A CELLULAR  
SYSTEM**

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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2001. If any fees for the Response are required, the Applicants submit that this be considered a Petition therefore, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 18-1167.

**In the specification**

Change the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 15 to read as follows:

The measurement reports provided by the mobile station give the base station a list of the signal strength and possibly channel quality from adjacent cells, as measured by the mobile station at its present location. The network also knows which adjacent cells have unused radio channels that are available for allocation during a handoff. From the list of available channels, the network selects the cell which best will handle the call from a service quality and an overall interference point of view based on signal